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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS BRANCH

Monthly Progress Report

September 1947

Section I

Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans and Policies

I.

b. Foreign Documents Branch

(1) Processing of Periodicals

(a) Of a total of eight issues of Foreign Documents Branch Periodical Abstracts prepared for publication during the month only one issue was disseminated due to the acute shortage of clerical personnel in Editorial Section.

(2) Discontinuance of Foreign Documents Branch Accession Lists

Pursuant to a memorandum dated 9 September, 1947, from the Assistant Director, OGD, publication of Accession Lists of oriental documents (except those having a "special or current interest") was discontinued effective 9 September, 1947.

Section II

Accomplishment of Overall Mission

II.

b.

(1) Production

Although production of Foreign Documents Branch publications has been maintained on a level with previous months, production facilities, specifically clerical and drafting personnel, have decreased, especially due to the loss of military personnel. The flow of Translated material ready for reproduction has continued to increase the already heavy backlog.

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Section III

Proposals for Improvement

III.

- a. (See Foreign Documents Branch Monthly Progress Report, July, 1947; Section III a, (1).



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Appendix I

(II e. List of projects assigned to Foreign Documents Branch)

1. PRODUCTION

a. Current Periodical Abstracts published:
General, No. 1

b. Action was completed on 26 requirements from OCD as follows:

(1) Translations published and reports issued:

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CD No 511-1; "Significant Korean News Items" (OOW 90).
CD No 1685.1; "Japanese Intelligence (UME Kikan)" (OOW 86).
CD No 895-A; "Herald of the Air Fleet" (OOW 87).
CD No 1308-B; "Radioactive Minerals" (OOW 88).
CD No. 1783.1; "Radio in the Soviet Army" (OOW 91).
CD No 1900; "Mineral Resources of Western Mongolia and Tannu Tuva"

CD No 803; "The Major Rivers of the Eastern USSR" (Summary No. 2, re-run)
CD No 1322; "Influence of Heat Treatment on Magnetic Properties of
Ferro-Magnetic Fe-Al Alloys" (Translation No. 90)
CD No 1827.1; "Armored Vehicles and Artillery" (OOW 93)
CD No 1862.1; "New Lode of Stenstrupin (Radioactive ^{Ore} ~~OOW~~) (OOW 94)
CD No 854.1; "Synthesis of Alkaloid Emetine, (OOW 96)
CD No 849; "Chinese Communist Agrarian Policies" 4 copies OCD 18 Sept. 47
CD No 1595; "Information regarding various ship sinkings by Japanese
submarines" (limited distribution)
CD No 1776.1; "List of material contained in Walter Heissig Collection"
(limited distribution)

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(2) Completed requests for publications and documents
from FDB files:

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RD No 1790; Loan of document
 CD No 1610; Loan of documents
 RD No 1522.1; Forty copies Translation 87
 CD No 1882; FDB Accession lists
 CD No 1496.1; Loan of Documents
 RD No 802; Forty copies of Translation 77
 RD No 1815; Loan of document
 CD No 1808.2; Op-16-FE publications
 RD No 1854; Two copies Translation 84
 RD No 1853; Twelve copies Translation 84
 RD No 1852; Loan of File copy Translation 64
 RD No 1957; Loan of documents listed in Periodical Abstract Scientific #2

c. Translations (other than CD requirements).

"Revolutionary Policies of the Chinese Communist Party" (Translation 89)

"Military Topo Study of East Baikal" (Translation 91)

"German Model Bomb" (abstract translation, limited distribution)

Special Spanish-English Translation (31 pages, limited distribution)

"Argentina and the Atomic Era" ←

d. Industrial Plant File Cards

Number distributed	81,662
Number of separate cards	2,528

e. Intelligence Catalog Cards 312

f. Accession Lists published 1

g. Documents loaned 72

h. Documents Scanned

(1) USSR and Satellites Screening Section	1,171
(2) FE Screening Section	14,331

i. Documents for Library of Congress 8,107

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Priority</u>
1. Comparison of Russian Tank Types	A
2. Individual Reports on the Dnepr Bend	A
3. Soviet Military Budget	A
4. Heavy Industries in the USSR	A
5. Interrogation of Erwin Brandt	A
6. Periodical Abstracts, General No. 2	A
7. Periodical Abstracts, General No. 3	A
8. Military Topographical Study of Primorski Krai and the Khabarovsk Area	B
9. Survey of Russian Railways (Far Eastern USSR and Siberia)	B
10. Observation Reports from Far East USSR, April 1945	B
11. Observation Report on Trans-Siberia Railroad, April 1945 (FDB No. 261418)	B
12. Red Army Frontier Fortifications in Eastern USSR	B
13. Economic Study on USSR Waterways	B
14. The Dneper River and its Tributaries	B
15. Harbor Installations, the Baltic Ports of: Leningrad Riga Tallinn Lepaya Ventspils	
16. The Natural Resources of the Kola Peninsula	B
17. Industry and Transportation in White Russia	B
18. Industry and Transportation in the Ukraine	B
19. The reorganization of Russian Inland Navigation	B
20. Railways East of the Urals	B

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| 21. The White Russian Railway System (No. 5) | B |
| 22. The Southwestern Railway System (No. 7) | B |
| 23. Report of Soviet Scientific Techniques | B |
| 24. Tables of Different Races in the Soviet Union | C |
| 25. Who's Who in the USSR (this project will be ready for editorial when State BI, Div., has checked Translation) | C |
| 26. Northern Sea Route Murmansk-Arkhangelsk | C |
| 27. Telecommunications in the Baltic Countries | C |
| 28. Industry and Transportation in Siberia | C |
| 29. Oil in the Caucasus | C |
| 30. Industry and Transportation in the Crimea | C |
| 31. List of Principal Personalities in the USSR (FDB No. 271842) | C |
| 32. The Kalinin Railway System (No. 3) | C |
| 33. The Western Railway System (No. 4) | C |
| 34. The Moskva-Kiev Railway System (No. 6) | C |
| 35. The Odessa Railway System (No. 8) | C |

Industrial Plant File (E. USSR)

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| 36. Steel, Iron and Coke | A |
| 37. Lumber | A |
| 38. Coal | A |
| 39. Electronics Industries | A |
| 40. Minerals | A |
| 41. Machine Building | A |
| 42. Industrial Plant File (W. USSR) | A |

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B. FAR EAST

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| 43. Military Topography of Outer Mongolia | A |
| 44. Current Trend of the Chinese Communist Revolution
(FDB No. 303632-B) | A |
| 45. B. I. Information on NEI Personalities | A(TD 15 Oct'47) |
| 46. Present Status of the Chinese Communist Party
(FDB No. 303632-C) | A |
| 47. Summaries of Significant Korean News Items | A-Cont'd |
| 48. Biographical Sketches of Members of the 6th
Kuomintang Central Executive Committee | A |
| 49. Discussion of Chinese Communist Party | A |
| 50. Biographical Information on Inner-Mongolian
personalities (Extract translation) | A |
| 51. Summary of the Ko-Lao-Hui and the Ching-Pan
Secret Societies | A |
| 52. Trends in New China FDB No. 303632 (D) | A |
| 53. Study of CC Border Region Economy FDB No. 303632 (E) | A |
| 54. Data on 8th Route Army and New 4th Army | A |
| 55. Communism in Korea (FDB No. 376936) | A Part I |
| 56. Communism in Korea | A Part II |
| 57. Chinese Order of Battle (Extracts from Current
Periodicals including the Ministry of National
Defense Gazette) | B-Cont'd |
| 58. Medical Geographical Study of Mengchiang | B |
| 59. Military Topographical Study of the Islands off
the Coast of Northern Korea | B |
| 60. Sinkiang, Transportation Summary | B |
| 61. Sinkiang, Topographical Summary | B |
| 62. Sinkiang, Political Summary | B |

63. Mineral Survey of Siam B
64. Railway Transport-Manchuria Part I (Mu-Tan-Chiang Sector) B
65. Railway Transport in Manchuria Part II (Kirin Sector) B
66. Coal Mines of Korea (ICF) B
67. Coal Mines of Manchuria (ICF) B
68. Coal Mines of Mengchiang (ICF) B
69. Railway Equipment Plants-Manchuria (ICF) B
70. Electric Power Plants-Manchuria (ICF) B
71. Iron Mines of Manchuria (ICF) B
72. Iron and Steel Mills-Manchuria B
73. Chemical Industries-Manchuria; Preliminary Bibliography Survey (ICF) B
74. Biographic Information on Sinkiang Personalities B-Cont'd
75. Disclosure on Military Geography in the War of Resistance ~~(cancelled by OSD as of 18 Sept 1947)~~ B
76. Behind the Scenes in Chungking B
77. Japanese Industries in China (ICF) FDB No. 288423) B
78. International Treaty Texts C-Cont'd
79. Topographic Study of Southern French Indo-China C
80. Topographic Study of Siam C
81. Japanese MP activities in North China C

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C. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

82. Radioactive Minerals	A-Cont'd
83. Herald of the Air Fleet (Miscellaneous articles on USSR Air Force)	A
84. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 6	A
85. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 7	A
86. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 8	A
87. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 9	A
88. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 10	A
89. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 11	A
90. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 12	A
91. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 13	A
92. Periodical Abstracts; Scientific No. 14	A
93. NSIR-BW	84-91 " Periodical abstracts; Scientific Nos 6-14 " A
94. NSIR-CW	if necessary A
95. NSIR-CW	A
96. USSR Jet Propelled Engines	A
97. Seismic Ranging	A
98. Sferics in Japan	A
99. Electronics, Frequency Spectrum	A(TD 17 Nov. '47)
100. Meteorology, USSR	A
101. Vacuum Tube Development	A(TD 17 Nov. '47)
102. Upper Atmospheric Research, USSR	A
103. Geophysical Sciences, USSR	A
104. Magnetostriction of Fe-Al Alloys	B
105. Upper Atmosphere-Research (guide Require)	B

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106. Effects of Inhaling Vapor Gases B
107. Records of Weather Observations in Yakutsk B
108. Geographic Exploration B
109. Military Topo Study of Manchuria and USSun for
Aeronautical purposes, Japanese, General Staff B
110. Translation of articles in FDB Periodical Abstracts
Scientific No. 2: B
 - 2T36; "An Antiscientific Book on Thermodynamics"
 - 2T47; "Inorganic Peroxides, XI, the Higher Oxides of
Potassium"
 - 2T54; "The Behavior of an Iron Electrode in Alkal; Solutions
at Low Temperatures"
 - 2T55; "The Evolution of Hydrogen at an Iron Cathod in Alkal:
Solutions"
 - 2T56; "The Potentials of Decomposition of Aluminum Bromide."
 - 2T59; "The Thermodynamic Properties of Solutions of Strong
Electrolytes in Formamide."
111. Medical Summary No. 2 B
112. Medical Research Pt 1 (Bacteriology) B
113. Medical Research Pt 3 (Miscellaneous Translations) B
114. Medical Research, Pt 2 (BW) B
115. Medical Summary No. 3 B
116. High Speed communications in USSR (FDB No. 239688)
Polyphase Crystal Vibrations (FDB No. 236321
Specifications for Automatic Wire Bletype Secrecy Devices
(FDB No. 199487) B
117. Electrical Communications Engineering (FDB No. 195844) B
118. Journal of Bacteriology (Med. Summary No. 4) B
119. Electronics; guided missiles B
120. Vibrations in Buildings C
121. Dampened Vibrations in Concrete Structures C
122. Installations of Shock-proof Mounts on ships
(FDB No. 211847) C
123. Dampened Vibrations in Buildings (FDB No. 360050) C

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| 124. Vibrations of Structures | C |
| 125. Rubber Shock-proof Mounts | C |
| 126. Optical Ordnance | C |
| 127. Fermentation, Saccharication and other Chemical
Phenomena of Wood (FDB No. 330185) | C |
| 128. Periodical Abstracts Electrochemistry
(Postponed pending evaluation) | 6-Cont'd |
| 129. Periodical Abstracts Electrical Engineering
(Postponed pending evaluation) | C-Cont'd |
| 130. Japanese Army Association
Journal; Electrochemistry
Journal of Elec. Engr. Society
(Medical Summary No. 5) | C |

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D. DOCUMENT SOURCE SURVEY DIVISION

This division has been operating with only one person assigned. Nevertheless in addition to all the basic planning and administrative steps accomplished, there are the following results to report in this field:

- a. Informal agreement between the Reference Center, ORE, and Foreign Documents Branch, OO, on the responsibilities and coordination of the survey components of the two Branches.
- b. The uncovering in Library of Congress storage a portion of the Rosenberg Collection. The division took immediate steps to have the collection held intact. Inasmuch as the collection had been forwarded there directly by the AGO the division made an informal agreement with the German Military Document Section, AGO, and with the Library of Congress for the retention intact by the Library of Congress of 1200 crates of captured German documents including the aforementioned portion of the Rosenberg Collection. Further, the division requested the Librarian, GMDS, to provide complete details as to receipt, shipment, and whatever details are available from screening accomplished by GMDS. This information has not yet been forwarded.
- c. The division now has on file location of fifteen additional repositories of captured German documents under Army jurisdiction. Steps are being taken to contact all of these repositories to determine extent of exploitation.
- d. Captured German naval records including intelligence on the USSR has been transferred to the Office of Naval Intelligence. ONI has agreed to let Foreign Documents Branch screen and exploit these documents, which will remain in the custody of ONI.
- e. Arrangements have been initiated to obtain on loan from Columbia University Libraries further current periodicals unavailable in Washington.
- f. Division is investigating the contents of 200 crates of non-technical captured German documents recently forwarded to GMDS, AGO, from Air Materiel Command, Wright Field. The division is seeking to determine the extent of exploitation of the documents by Air Materiel Command.

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